

GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS

Agency 144

Municipal Research Council

Recommendation Summary

Dollars in Thousands

	Annual FTEs	General Fund	State	Other Funds	Total Funds
2009-11 Expenditure Authority				2,729	2,729
Total Maintenance Level					
Difference				(2,729)	(2,729)
Percent Change from Current Biennium				(100.0)%	(100.0)%
Total Proposed Budget					
Difference				(2,729)	(2,729)
Percent Change from Current Biennium				(100.0)%	(100.0)%
Total Proposed Budget by Activity					
Inactive - Municipal Research Services					
Total Proposed Budget					

ACTIVITY DESCRIPTIONS

Inactive - Municipal Research Services

The Municipal Research Council is composed of legislators, city and county officials, and one member appointed by the Governor. The council's primary purpose is to provide Washington's local officials with professional advice, research, and information on topics related to local government. The council has no independent staff, but contracts with the Department of Community, Trade and Economic Development and with the Municipal Research and Services Center, a private non-profit agency in Seattle. Through the center, the council responds to requests for advice and information on municipal law, finance, growth management, public works, management, and operations. The center's library holds the state's largest collection of municipal reference materials, with over 12,000 volumes. The center also publishes many research articles and operates a web site that received 2.17 million visitors in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2003. These consolidated services reduce the need for local staff and are especially crucial to smaller units of local government. (County Research Services Account-State, City and Town Research Services Account-State)